# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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DIGGING OF WELLS
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has commenced the work of digging wells in various States including Maharashtra particularly in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to convert the tribal belt of Maharashtra into the green belt; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources undertakes digging of exploratory boreholes throughout the country, including tribal areas of Maharashtra, under its Ground Water Exploration Proramme. These exploratory boreholes are drilled to delineate aquifer zones worthy of ground water development with a view to ascertaining their yield characteristics.

In the State of Maharashtra, the CGWB has drilled 1768 exploratory boreholes, including 709 in tribal areas. The Ministry of Water Resources has no scheme to convert the tribal belt of Maharashtra into the green belt.